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APPARATUS FOR SEPARATION OF A FLUID FLOW,

ESPECIALLY INTO A GAS PHASE AND A LIQUID PHASE

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicants' continuing obligation to bring to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office all references coming to their attention which are related to the invention of the subject application, Applicants hereby direct the Office's attention to the following references, copies of which are being submitted herewith. Form PTO-1449 listing the references is also enclosed.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on December 5, 2002

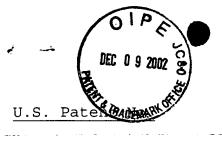
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## Other Publications:

European Publication No. 0 326 231 A1 (August 2, 1989)
International Publication No. WO 95/03868 (February 9, 1995).

The above references were cited in the International Search Report on International Application No. PCT/NO00/00224, of which the present application is the U.S. National Phase.

The Applicants are of opinion that the present invention is patentable over these references. The references are being submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office to ensure that all pertinent art of which the Applicants are aware is before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of these references into the file of the present application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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